
 9. (Amended) A composite structure comprising a substrate of low combustibility, for example a halogen-free substrate, and at least one layer of resin, characterized in that it is capable of being obtained by coating the substrate with a flame-retarded composition as claimed in claim 1.

-  11. (Amended) A sun screen comprising a textile structure as claimed in claim 9.
12. (Amended) A sign comprising a textile structure as claimed in claim 9.
13. (Amended) A covering for walls or ceilings, comprising a textile structure as claimed in claim 9.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are amended. By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended and claims 7, 9 and 11-13 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(iii)) and claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

Changes to Specification:

Page 3, line 37 to page 4, line 5:

According to the invention, this compatibility is obtained when the plastisol exhibits, at low shear rates, for example less than $300 - 400 \text{ s}^{-1}$, Newtonian-type behavior with a viscosity of less than or equal to 6000 mPa.s , measured using a Brookfield RVT viscometer at 20 revolutions per minute, and, at high shear rates, for example greater than $10\,000 \text{ s}^{-1}$, pseudoplastic-type behavior.

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

7. (Amended) A flame-retarded composite yarn comprising a core made of a material of low combustibility, for example a halogen-free material, and a sheath made of resin, characterized in that it is capable of being obtained by coating said core with the flame-retarded composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~.

9. (Amended) A composite structure comprising a substrate of low combustibility, for example a halogen-free substrate, and at least one layer of resin, characterized in that it is capable of being obtained by coating the substrate with a flame-retarded composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~.

11. (Amended) A sun screen comprising a textile structure as claimed in claim 9-~~or 10~~.

12. (Amended) A sign comprising a textile structure as claimed in claim 9-~~or 10~~.

13. (Amended) A covering for walls or ceilings, comprising a textile structure as claimed in claim 9-~~or 10~~.